

Definitions for Lowest-Achieving Schools List

SFSF Schools

Tier I: Title I schools in improvement that are in the lowest 5% of all Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring and demonstrate a lack of progress for up to three years in the “all students” group based on a combination of up to three years of data (up to a three-year average performance) on ISTEP+ in reading/language arts and mathematics; and any Title I high school in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that has had up to a three-year average four-year graduation rate below 60%.

Tier II: Any secondary school that is eligible for, but does not receive, Title I, Part A funds that is among the lowest achieving 5% of secondary schools and demonstrates a lack of progress for up to three years in the “all students” group based on a combination of up to three years of data (up to a three-year average performance) on ISTEP+ in reading/language arts and mathematics and any high school that is eligible for, but does not receive Title I, Part A funds and has had up to a three-year average four-year graduation rate below 60%.

Additional Tier I and Tier II Schools

Tier I (NEW): Title I eligible elementary schools that are no higher achieving than the highest achieving Tier I schools (see definition of Tier I under the SFSF Schools heading) based on up to three years of ISTEP+ performance on reading/language arts and mathematics, combined and are in the bottom 20% of all elementary schools in the state in mathematics and reading/language arts performance on ISTEP+.

Tier II (NEW): Title I eligible secondary schools that are no higher achieving than the highest achieving Tier II schools (see definition of Tier II under the SFSF Schools heading) based on up to three years of ISTEP+ performance on reading/language arts and mathematics, combined and are in the bottom 20% of all high schools in the state in mathematics and reading/language arts performance on ISTEP+, or Title I eligible secondary schools that have had up to a three-year average four-year graduation rate that is below 60%.

Tier III Schools

Any Title I schools in school improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that are not in Tier I or Tier II

Other PL221 Schools in Year Four

Any public school in Year Four of probation under Public Law (PL) 221 that is not in Tier I, II, or III